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A letter to the Bankruptcy Community:

Re: Filing Fee Schedule Increase - Effective April 9, 2006

The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Pub.L. 109-171) was enacted on February 8, 2006, and includes changes to the filing fees for Chapter 7 and 13 cases, as well as increases to the Court of Appeals and District Court Civil Action filing fees. The following fee increases will apply to all new cases filed on or after Sunday, **April 9, 2006**:

- Court of Appeals filing fee - increased from \$250 to \$450
- District Court Civil Action filing fee - increased from \$250 to \$350
- **Bankruptcy Chapter 7** filing fee increased from \$220 to \$245, total fees due at filing **\$299** (includes Miscellaneous Fee and Case Trustee fee);
- **Bankruptcy Chapter 13** filing fee increased from \$150 to \$235, total fees due at filing **\$274** (includes Miscellaneous Fee); and
- **Bankruptcy Conversion Fee:** Although not mentioned in the Act, the fee to convert a chapter 7 or chapter 13 case to a chapter 11 case, as prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 1930 (a), must be recalculated based upon the increase in chapter 7 and 13 filing fees.

Immediately upon release of the revised/updated Fee Schedule from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, I will make the new fees available on the court's web site.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions pertaining to this policy change/fee increase.

Sincerely,

Sean F. McAvoy
Clerk of Court